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SUBJECT:EFFECT OF EUROPEAN DROUGHT ON AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS

1. U.S. SHIPPING EXECUTIVE WHOSE COMPANY SERVICES SOUTH AMERICA FROM U.S. WEST COAST, IN CONVERSATION WITH DIRECTOR, EB/MA, RAISED QUESTION OF AFFECT OF CURRENT ADVERSE (AGRICULTURAL) EUROPEAN WEATHER CONDITIONS ON POTENTIAL INCREASE OF U.S. AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS TO SOUTH AMERICA AND CARRIAGE THEREOF ON U.S.-FLAG LINES. SHIPPING EXECUTIVE REPORTS THAT AT LEAST THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MAY BE AFFECTED BY EUROPEAN DROUGHT:

(A) GARLIC -- (PROCESSED, ETC) -- FROM SPAIN TO BRAZIL -- POSSIBLE REPLACEMENT OF SOME OF THE DROUGHT AFFECTED SPANISH CROP WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EXPORTS.

(B) MALT -- NORMALLY EXPORTED TO MOST SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES FROM FRANCE AND SPAIN -- POSSIBLE REPLACEMENT OR SUPPLEMENT BY EXPORTS FROM U.S. NORTHWEST.

(C) APPLES -- FRANCE USUALLY LARGE SUPPLIER TO VENEZUELA AND OTHER SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES -- POSSIBLE REPLACEMENT OR SUPPLEMENT BY EXPORTS FROM U.S. NORTHWEST.

(D) IMPORTATION FROM WESTERN AND CENTRAL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES TO VENEZUELA AND BRAZIL OF DRIED PEAS, BEANS AND LENTILS; CANNED FRUITS, VEGETABLES AND FRUIT CONCENTRATES; AS WELL AS EDIBLE NUTS MAY BE REPLACED OR SUPPLEMENTED BY EXPORTS FROM U.S. WEST COAST.

2. EUROPEAN ADDRESSEES: MISSIONS REQUESTED TO INVESTIGATE WHETHER THE ABOVE NOTED AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES (OR OTHERS) HAVE SUFFERED IN DROUGHT, WHETHER EXPORTS TO WESTERN HEMISPHERE HAVE OR WILL BE REDUCED, AND WHETHER REDUCTIONS WARRANT OR FORECAST LONG OR SHORT TERM REPLACEMENT OF THESE EUROPEAN COMMODITIES BY U.S. GROWN PRODUCE.

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3. SOUTH AMERICAN ADDRESSEES REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN SIMILAR INFORMATION FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF IMPORTER.

4. ALL ADDRESSES AWARE NEED TO KEEP APPROACH LOW KEY.

5. DUE TO SEASONAL NATURE OF THIS POSSIBLE SURGE OF EXPORT AND SHIPPING OPPORTUNITIES, EXPEDITIOUS RESPONSES

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